

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is for an original application.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and/or joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**LOW-WATER CUT-OFF SYSTEM**

the specification is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

- ☐ (d) no such applications have been filed.  
☒ (e) such applications have been filed as follows:

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Date of Issue	Priority Claimed
US	10/154,730	May 24, 2002		✓ YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
US	60/293,444	May 24, 2001		✓ YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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## DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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